

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Homer Hockey Association****Federal Tax ID: 92-0143117****Project Title:**

Homer Hockey Association - Blade Sharpener for Zamboni

State Funding Requested: \$ 15,000**House District: 35 - R**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Purchase a blade sharpener for the zamboni in order to prepare ice for skaters.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$15,000**Funding Secured*Amount FY*Other Pending Requests*Amount FY*Anticipated Future Need*Amount FY*

There is no other funding needed

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

In FY2007 the Homer Hockey Association was able to purchase a Zamboni with the help of a State grant. However, the Hockey Association still has to borrow a sharpener from the Soldotna ice rink many times a year to sharpen the blade. With their own blade sharpener, the Homer Hockey Association will not have to travel to Soldotna and rent a sharpener (over 150 miles round trip) to pick up and drop off the blade or pay the rental fees. Having their own blade sharpener would create a savings of \$4,500 annually. Blades are sharpened every 9-10 days and cost \$75 per sharpening plus travel.

Homer Hockey Association is an organization that is heavily used by the community. The association has 183 registered hockey players that bring over 5,000 visitors annually to Homer for games and tournaments. This has a positive impact on the economy. The rink is used for many activities besides hockey such as figure skating, broomball, public stake session, private skating functions, and school functions. Of all the hockey associations in the state, Homer Hockey Association ranks fourth in registered users per capita.

Project Timeline:

Purchase would be made as soon as funds are recieved from the state.

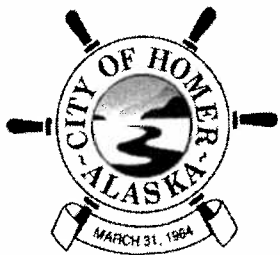
Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Homer Hockey Association

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No



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ICE RINK EQUIPMENT

PROJECT DESCRIPTION & BENEFIT: This project will provide building and equipment improvements to the Homer Ice Rink, operated by the Homer Hockey Association:

- ♦ An overhead propane heating system to improve spectator comfort above the bleachers on the west and north sections of the building
- ♦ A blade sharpener for the Zamboni ice resurfacing machine.

These improvements will benefit spectators and allow for more efficient operation of the rink, which is beginning its second season of operation.

Cost: \$75,000 (\$60,000 for heating system and \$15,000 for Zamboni blade sharpener)

Need: Essential

Schedule: 2008



Homer was able to host the 2006 Arctic Winter Games curling events thanks to the completion of the new Homer Ice Rink.